

DOD Environmental Partnerships in Alabama

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Military Presence in Alabama

- Since the early 19th Century, Alabama has been host to key military bases, and has played an important role in our national defense
- This presence reached its peak in the Cold War Era
- As we begin the 21st century Alabama maintains its strong commitment to national defense

Military Presence in Alabama

A Storied History

- **Army**
 - **Ft. McClellan**
 - **Ft. Rucker**
 - **Redstone Arsenal**
 - **Anniston Army Depot**
 - **Tuskegee Army Airfield/Moton Field**
 - **Alabama Army Ammunition Plant**

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- **Air Force**
 - **Maxwell AFB**
 - **Gunter Annex (formerly Gunter AFS)**
- **NASA**
 - **Marshall Space Flight Center**
- **National Guard**
- **Reserve**



A Storied Past Presents Challenges

- **Base Realignment and Closure**
 - Ft. McClellan, Craig AFB, Brookley AFB, Mobile Home Port, Others
- **BRAC Opportunities**
 - UXO
 - Fort McClellan, Others
 - Property Transfers and LUCs
 - Economic viability of host communities for closed bases
 - Anniston/Calhoun County (Ft. McClellan)

Challenges - continued

- **Remnants of the Cold War**
 - **Miscellaneous CW material**
 - **ANAD Chemical Weapons Stockpile**
- **Remnants of O&M activities**
 - **ANAD TCE Plume**
- **Remnants of RD&D activities**
 - **Pentaborane (now gone)**
- **FUDS**





Challenges - continued

- **Land Use Controls**
 - Who is responsible for the long term?
- **Technical Impracticability**
 - Just what does that mean?
- **Communication Issues**
 - **Full Disclosure vs. Homeland Security**
 - Where to draw the lines?

Working Together to Overcome Challenges

- **Partnering**
 - ADEM continues to be a strong proponent
 - Has successfully addressed challenges, particularly at Ft. McClellan, AAAP and Maxwell AFB
- **Communication, cooperation are key to success, even on non-partnering issues**
 - Pentaborane (Redstone)
 - Chemical Weapons Stockpile (ANAD)
 - Brownfields Initiative



A Promising Future

- **Strong military presence is good for Alabama**
 - **Jobs**
 - **Economic Impact**
 - **Spirit of Patriotism**
- **Alabama is good for the military**
 - **Examples of the past show the promise of the future**



Summary

- **By working together, we can responsibly address the environmental challenges from the past, and ensure the promise of the future**

